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In re Patent Application of)
Philippe DIAZ et al.) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No. Unassigned) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: August 23, 1999)
For: HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS,)
PHARMACEUTICAL AND COSMETIC)
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING THEM)
AND USES THEREOF)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please first amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 2, insert "BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION";

Page 1, after line 26, insert the following text:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

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Figure 1 schematically depicts a reaction scheme for synthesis of compounds according to the invention; and